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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

BOX PATENT APPLICATION
Assistant Commissioner of Patents
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Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

The following Preliminary Amendments and Remarks are respectfully submitted
in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Before line 1, insert --This application is the national phase under 35 U.S.C. §371
of PCT International Application No. PCT/JP98/00334 which has an International filing
date of January 28, 1998 which designated the United States of America.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

CLAIM 15: Lines 1 and 2, change "any one of claims 1 to 14" to --claim 1--